

# PAUL'S FIRST EPISTLE TO THE CORINTHIANS

LEARNING HOW TO BE A HEAVENLY CHURCH IN A GODLESS WORLD

## 1 CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 10:1-15

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### **RUN CHRISTIAN RUN - PART 1**

*WHAT MAKES YOU A TRUE BELIEVER*

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

**Discipleship, Fellowship, Obedience, Temptation**

**In Chapter 8 and through here to Chapter 10**

The Apostle Paul has been teaching on What It Means to Be A Follower of Jesus Christ. That there are Liberties and Responsibilities that belong to these new lives of Ours.

**In chapter 9 Paul makes a very haunting statement**

**– it's found in verse 27**

1 Corinthians 9:27

But I **discipline** my body and bring it into **subjection**, lest, when I have **preached** to others, I myself should become **disqualified**.

**Paul is not saying that he was in fear of losing his relationship with the LORD - but that he feared becoming un-usable to God.**

**No longer a man that God can use.**

**It was the fear of losing the 'Unction' of God.**

**That God-Ordained Authority. The God-Ordained Power. The God-Ordained ministry.**

**It was what Samson lost because he began to toy and play with sin and self-confidence crept in and took over.**

**Samson failed at keeping himself usable to God.**

**Here - from this verse, he launches out into an amazing illustration, a typological teaching for us today.**

## The Example of God's great deliverance of the Nation of Israel out of Egypt.

### 1 Corinthians 10:11

Now **all these things happened** to them as **examples (types)**, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

### Romans 15:4

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

## RUN CHRISTIAN RUN

*WHAT MAKES YOU A TRUE BELIEVER!*

### 1.) Run with your eyes wide open

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## The wilderness experiences of our lives

### 1a.) Knowing that God has been at work in your life

:1 Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be **unaware** (ignorant, uninformed) that **all** our fathers were **under the cloud**, **all** passed **through the sea**, :2 **all** were **baptized into Moses** in the **cloud** and in the **sea** :3 **all** ate **the same spiritual food**, :4 and **all** drank **the same spiritual drink**. For they drank of that **spiritual Rock** that followed them, and that **Rock was Christ**

**Israel and the Jewish People Can Never Honestly Deny That God's Hand Has Been Upon Them as a Nation and People.**

**And No one in this place can deny that God has not worked in their lives.**

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Paul says of them that they "all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea." What does that mean? That is a strange phrase, "baptized into Moses," but it is a parallel to what it says of us, that we are baptized into Christ. Just as we have been placed into Christ and identified with him, so these Israelites of old were identified with Moses. Now Moses was **the great mediator of the Old Testament**. He stood between God and man; he was the representative of the people to God, and the spokesman of God to the people. He had intimate access to God, and in Moses these people all had that same access to God. This, of course, is true of us, is it not? Paul argues this in Romans 5, where he says, "Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand," (Romans 5:2a).

### **THIS IS RADICAL - What is the Apostle saying here?**

The Rock which followed them, Paul says, was Christ. ***Now do not ever say that the Old Testament saints knew nothing of Christ, because they did. They saw Him in all these symbols and figures that were used in the Old Testament times.***

They were related to him as we are related to him, and just as he fed them and refreshed them, so we are fed and refreshed by the Spirit of God flowing out of Christ. When it says the Rock "followed them," do not imagine a great big rock rolling along behind the camp. It is not that. It means wherever the symbol of a Rock appears in the Old Testament, and it does frequently, it was a reference to and a picture of Christ. The Rock from which the water flowed, the Rock of refuge into which they ran when the summer storms broke upon the landscape, these were references to Christ.

## **Friend - God has been at work in your life!**

### **Psalm 138:8**

The LORD will perfect *that which* concerns me; Your mercy, O LORD, *endures* forever;  
Do not forsake the works of Your hands.

### **Philippians 1:5-6**

for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, :6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ;

### **Romans 5:1-2**

Therefore, **having been justified** by faith, we **have peace** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, :2 through whom also we **have access** by faith into this grace in which **we stand**, and **rejoice in hope** of the glory of God.

Those old testament events, encourage me – I don't have Moses,  
- I've got Jesus Christ.

**As Great as Moses was – I have a Greater than Moses in my Life**

Christ was always near them to see them through

As He is always near to us – to see us through in this wilderness.

Moses' Ministry was a Type – Pointing Israel to the Messiah.

## RUNNING WITH YOUR EYES WIDE OPEN

### 1b.) Choosing to lay your life out before Him

:5 But with **most of them** (all but 2) God was not well pleased,  
for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

#### Hebrews 11:29

**By faith** (*Moses' faith, not theirs*) they passed through the Red Sea as by dry *land*,  
*whereas* the Egyptians, attempting *to do so*, were drowned.

This is God's commentary on the Israelites  
and the crossing of the red sea. – *Moses led them!*

## The People Failed to Make Their Journey Personal

### Cause of Death: Unbelief.

It was Unbelief that Killed Them – All along Their Journey  
Every day they received God's blessings. Every day they heard God's word. Every day  
they saw awesome manifestations of God.

But with all those "pluses," they fell victim to unbelief.

### I am Personally Convinced that Unbelief is The Most Wicked Thing.

**It** sees God and hears God. **It** enjoys His benefits and **It** believes enough so that **It**  
cannot be an atheist – but **It** refuses to **trust God with everything.**

#### Hebrews 3:19-4:2

So we see that they could not enter in because of **unbelief**. **4:1** Therefore, since a  
promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have **come**  
**short of it.** :2 For indeed **the gospel was preached to us as well as to them**; but the  
word which they heard did not profit them, (why?) not being **mixed with faith** in those  
who heard it.

# RUNNING WITH YOUR EYES WIDE OPEN

## 1c.) Deciding that you will not waste your life

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:6 Now these things became our examples, to the **intent** that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted.

### Hebrews 3:12

Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you **an evil heart of unbelief** in **departing** from the living God; - *to go lusting after*

**departing – to walk out, drift away, be untied from the moorings (willfully)**

### Judges 16:20

And so Delilah said, "The Philistines *are* upon you, Samson!" So he awoke from his sleep, and said, "*I will go out as before, at other times, and shake myself free!*" But he did not know that the LORD had departed from him.

### I Encourage You This Morning...

#### 1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

## But You Must Decide Every day to Follow Him

### I Encourage You This Morning...

#### Jude 24

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present *you* faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

## But You Must Decide Every day to Follow Him

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#### Ephesians 4:30

And do not **grieve** (make sad. To upset) the Holy Spirit of God,

## But You Must Decide Every day to Follow Him

**I Encourage You This Morning...**

**Colossians 1:21-23**

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. :22 But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation :23 if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

**But You Must Decide Every day to Follow Him**

**I Encourage You This Morning...**

**John 10:27-29**

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. :28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. :29 My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father's hand.

**But You Must Decide Every day to Follow Him**

One of the indicators of God having Disqualified a man is when they no longer have any power in their witness or ministry – something happened

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